

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT ADM10-8049

ORDER ESTABLISHING COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

In an order filed on January 8, 2020, the court authorized the Fourth Judicial District to conduct a pilot project to test the feasibility and impact of allowing certain audio and video evidence into the jury room. In addition, we directed The Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure to establish procedures to monitor the pilot project and file a report providing specific recommendations on the continuation, expansion, or discontinuance of the pilot project. The committee filed its report and recommendations on October 17, 2022, recommending amendments to the Rules of Criminal Procedure to require district courts to permit juries to view audio and video evidence in the jury room during deliberations when appropriate and when feasible. The committee's report with the proposed amendments is available on the public access site for the Minnesota Appellate Courts, under case number ADM10-8049 – Report and Proposed Amendments to the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure (filed Oct. 17, 2022).

The court will consider the proposed amendments to the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure after providing a period for public comment and reviewing any comments on the proposed amendments.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person or organization wishing to provide written comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments to the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure shall file those comments with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts using the appellate courts' e-filing application, E-MACS, if required to do so. *See* Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 125.01(a). All comments shall be filed so as to be received by the Clerk's office no later than January 20, 2023.

Dated: November 21, 2022

BY THE COURT:

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Chief Justice